



# FY26 Advancing Developmental Education Reform by Building Capacity, Scaling Evidence-Based Models, and Supporting Continuous Improvement

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# Broad Goals & Purpose

Aligns with DERA

DERA, as part of Illinois PA101-0654, was signed into law in March 2021.

Support ongoing developmental education reform efforts

# Advancing Development Education Reform

Total Funding:  
\$475K with a  
maximum award of  
\$50K per college

Grant Period: Jan.  
1, 2026 – Dec 31,  
2026

# Grant Overview

- Awarding Agency: **ICCB**
- Competitive Grant
- Anticipated Awards: **A minimum of 9 colleges**
- Award Range: **up to \$50,000**
- No cost sharing required
- Indirect costs capped at **15%**

- **All Illinois Community Colleges**
- One application per college
- NOFO published to the ICCB website
- Applications must be submitted via **Amplifund.**

# Grant Objectives

## **Objective 1:**

- Expansion of data capacity and knowledge to evaluate the impact of existing developmental education reform efforts and guide continued scaling of efforts.

## **Objective 2:**

- Grantees may support faculty development to enhance or expand faculty capacity to provide evidence-based developmental education learning opportunities.

## **Objective 3:**

- Grantees may choose to assess and scale reform.

# Examples of Allowable Activities



Salary for paid interns, consultants, expanding a staff position, or developing new staff for a portion of time to organize the structure of data.



Work with consultants to develop data dashboards and analyze metrics.



Host in-person or virtual professional development events for adjunct faculty.



Expenses related to the development of presentations and materials.



Expand academic student support services, such as academic advising or embedded tutoring in additional courses, to scale developmental education reform across the institution.



Work with external partners to support DERA scaling.

# Grant Package

## Application Package

- GATA-Exempt Application
- Cover Page
- Abstract (1 pg.)
- Project Narrative ( $\leq 6$  pgs.) covering:
  - Project info, need, justification, fiscal need
  - Goals, timeline, partnerships, work plan, measurable outcomes, impact, capacity, scalability, & contingency
- Letters of Commitment (partners)
- Uniform Budget

## Deliverables

- Implement chosen objective(s)
- Meet/exceed performance indicators
- Submit **quarterly reports** (program + expenditure) through **Amplifund**
- Participate in TA/professional development
- Final close-out report (60 days post-award)

### Section C - Budget Worksheet & Narrative

5). **Supplies** --List items by type (office supplies, postage, training materials, copying paper, and other expendable items such as books, hand held tape recorders) and show the basis for computation. Generally, supplies include any materials that are expendable or consumed during the course of the project.

Supply Items	Computation		Cost
	Quantity/ Duration	Cost	
			\$ -
			\$ -
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			\$ -
		<i>State Total</i>	\$ -
			\$ -
		<i>NON-State Total</i>	\$ -

<b>Supplies Narrative (State):</b>          	<i>State Total</i> \$ -
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<b>Supplies Narrative (Non-State) i.e. "Match" or "Other Funding"</b>          	<i>NON-State Total</i> \$ -
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*Total Supplies* \$ -

# Review Criteria

Cover Page, GATA-  
Exempt  
Application, &  
Abstract – 10 pts

Basic Project Info,  
Statement of  
Need, Fiscal Need  
– 10 pts

Goals & Indicators  
– 25 pts

Work Plan,  
Partnerships,  
Impact – 35 pts

Capacity,  
Scalability,  
Contingency – 15  
pts

Budget – 5 pts

# Key Dates

NOFO Posted: **Nov. 6, 2025**



Bidder's Conference: **Nov. 10, 2025, 1:00 pm**



Application Due: **Dec. 10, 2025, 11:59 pm**



Submit via: Amplifund

## Contact Information

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- Email additional questions and please use the subject line: [Organization's Name] FY26 Advancing Developmental Education.
- All questions and answers will be published in an FAQ on the ICCB website